

Pest Management Practitioners Training Course Report

Country: Namibia, Date of training: 9 – 12 March 2010 - Venue: Municipal Training Centre, Walvis Bay

1. Description of activities:

The training program was a pest control operator's course offered jointly by **Coopers Environmental Science, Namibia** and **Skills for Africa** and was produced with the support and endorsement of **CropLife E & SA**

2. Participants:

A total of 14 participants (13 male and 1 female) attended the program. It was a mix of participants consisting of:

- Quality Controllers of the fishing industry
- Environmental Health Practitioners
- Commercial Pest Control Operators

3. Program feedback:

The knowledge of the participants was evaluated with a post test as well as a practical assignment. The assignment was to test if participants will be able to apply knowledge gleaned from the training, in the field. Thirteen participants received certificates of competence and one received a certificate of attendance.

4. Hand outs:

All participants received the following handouts:

- A memory stick with all presentations, pest management tools and product labels
- Handouts of all sessions

5. Content of the course:

Session	Content/ Subject:
1	Pest and Pesticide Knowledge Base – Part 1
2	Pest and Pesticide Knowledge Base – Part 2
3	Integrated Pest Management (Including IPM Circle)
4	Health, Safety and First Aid
5	Responsible use of pesticides
6	Pest management practices
7	Pesticides and Formulations
8	Pests and their control in Namibia
9	Calculations and practical application practices (Outdoor)
10	Introduction to HACCP
11	The Law in Namibia, CropLife Namibia and Legislation
12	Pest Management Practitioner – Customer care and conflict handling

6. **Course duration:** consisted of a 4 day course, incorporating theory and practical, as well as participative exercises, work exercises and written tests as follows:

a.	Theoretical sessions:	16 hours
b.	Participative exercises:	5 hours
c.	Work exercises:	5 hours
d.	Written tests:	3 hours
e.	Homework:	3 hours

Total: 32 hours

7. **Venue, food and logistics:** Arranged and funded by Coopers Environmental Science

8. Master trainer comments:

The course was well accepted by the participants. We moved away from the pest control operators to pest management practitioners, with a strong emphasis on IPM

9. Next step:

Due to demand a second course will be held in Windhoek later in the year

Signed:

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Master Trainer